



The service was given by the Legion Chaplain Cyril Yorke. Martin Langford reminded us the battle lasted 2,075 days and claimed more than 4,000 members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Air Force and the Canadian Merchant Navy (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



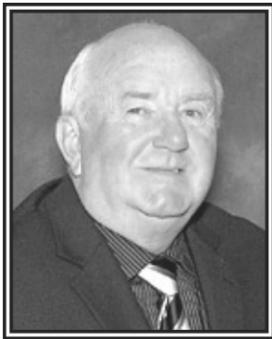
Branch 45, Parrsboro Royal Legion once again honoured the longest sea battle ever engaged in on Sunday May 5th. Although not very warm, there was no rain, but a good turnout. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## Standing Room Only

By Don Fletcher

We began council with an in camera meeting at 5:00 pm on May 1st covering five topics. Public council followed with three presentations. WOW controversy brings out the public! I have been on council six years and it was the first time the gallery was full with standing room only!

99% were there to hear and support the presentation on jobs related to Northern Pulp and the effect on



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Cumberland. The presentation was professional and noted 500+ jobs will be affected if the mill closes next January.

One thing I noted is that the citizens in the gallery were young, something we desperately need in the municipality and cannot afford to lose to the west. They are requesting council send a letter to the province requesting Northern Pulp be given the necessary time to construct the solution. It is estimated it will require 22 months from when shovels hit the ground. Council will

vote next council on May 15th. Maybe gallery will be full again!

The 2nd presentation was an update on the sinkhole in Oxford and that monies were approved to help figure out next steps. Next was a presentation on needs for the new stage in Pugwash once construction is complete, including sound equipment, lighting and some furnishings. Discussion will follow at budget meeting.

Public hearing on second hand smoke bylaw was held with no discussion followed by motion to approve. A motion was approved concerning the reimbursement policy for council and CAO was given notice of intent to consider for adoption.

Final chapter of Wheeler

Report was discussed. The relative severity of the most significant hazards were covered, vehicle traffic effects, industrial nuisance - i.e. noise, lights etc and community economic impact. Bottom line is that much work needs to be done by the province and community buy-in needs to be there in order to consider hydraulic fracturing in the future.

A policy to appoint a traffic authority for Springhill and Parrsboro will be presented to council by staff at next council. A Town of Amherst building inspector was approved as a building inspector for the municipality. A grant request was approved from District 4 funds.

Other matters which included approved motions

included: A change in board members at East Cumberland Lodge; An offer to tour RCMP headquarters in Dartmouth, sometime in June; Notice to consider adoption of the amended tax reduction and exemption policy.

Information items included upcoming volunteer night on May 7th; Lyme disease awareness month and Cumberland RCMP first quarter report.

Do not forget low income tax exemption for citizens. Pass the word.

Question: Should Northern Pulp be given an extension? Call your councillor.

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.

## Band Association Planning Busy Season

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association has announced several events, which serve not only as fund-raisers, but public entertainment events. Even though the band association continues to raise money for upkeep and improvements to the hall they reach out to support other charities. Some of the events, arranged by volunteers, raise money for a variety of charities chosen by the musicians.

Gardens and borders around properties and lawns are made even more beautiful as a result of the association's annual plant sale, which has become a major fund raiser. This year the plant sale will be held on June 1. Concerts in the park start on June 2 and continue on a weekly basis until the end of August.

Further details on the association's three major initiatives follow:

Plant Sale, Sat. June 1 The Parrsboro Band Association wants to remind you their Annual Plant / Book & Bake Sale on Sat. June 1, 2019 at their hall on King St., in Parrsboro. There will be a good selection of Perennials, books and a great bake table.

We are accepting donations of plants, books and bake items. They can be dropped off at the hall on Friday May 31 from 6-8 pm. This sale is

very popular so get in the line-up early to get the best selection. You won't be disappointed. Hope to see you there.

Concerts in the Park begin June 2: Concerts in the Park for Charity resume on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 7 pm. These concerts started a few years ago to help raise money for the charity that the musician who is performing that night has chosen.

These concerts continue all summer until the end of August with the exception of Sunday, July 28, 2019 which is Band Day. Each week a different musician will perform and will collect donations for their favorite charity. So don't miss a single Sunday night at the bandstand and support their charity of choice.

Band Day, Sun. July 28: The Parrsboro Band Association will hold their Annual Band Day and Bar-b-que on Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 12-5 pm. Groups are being contacted and within a month hopefully everything will be lined up. We will have sausage, hot dogs and delicious strawberry shortcake and we will have hot and cold drinks as well.

We will be accepting memberships and tickets will be sold on 25 lbs lobster that will be drawn for that day. As more information becomes we will announce it.

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